

Draft resolution on the politicization of the EU-CELAC Summit to be held in Brussels in July 2023

Proposed by the IDC-CDI

Given that the upcoming summit between the European Union (EU) and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) will take place in Brussels from 17-18 July 2023, coinciding with the rotating Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) denounces:

- That leaders of the numerous Latin American leftist governments will take advantage of this summit to whitewash their image in Europe, presenting a more coherent and moderate false image;
- That the government of Pedro Sanchez will take advantage of the rotating Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the July 2023 EU-CELAC Summit to be held in Brussels, in view of the Spanish general elections, jeopardizing the democratic principles that govern the EU's foreign relations to benefit its authoritarian partners in Latin America.

Therefore, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) requests that center-right governments:

- Work together to prevent authoritarian and populist governments from presenting an image outside their region that differs from the reality being experienced in their countries;
- Halt the influence of the São Paulo Forum and the Puebla Group, which are the foundation of and financial source of Latin American populism;
- Allow us to raise our voice before the manipulation being exercised by the left, taking advantage of its position of power and visibility, to its own benefit.

Because, only if we work together can we guarantee the values and principles of respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights of citizens, who deserve transparent governments that work for the benefit of the country and its citizens and not for the sake of left-wing populist rulers and governments seeking to weaken democratic institutions to remain in power at all costs.